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Concordia University Concerned About Long-Term Funding of Higher Education

MONTRÉAL / December 16, 1993 — Yesterday's announcement by Québec Education Minister Lucienne Robillard of a 1.9% increase in university tuition fees, again raises the wider issue of how higher education in Québec is to be funded.

Several years ago, the Québec government committed itself to ensuring that overall revenues for Québec universities catch up to the national average. This was again confirmed in the last provincial budget, tabled by the late Gérard D. Lévesque, when he announced that students' share of the cost of education would rise to the Canadian average.

By limiting tuition increases to the rise in the Consumer Price Index at a time when other governments in Canada are increasing fees by as much as 10%, the Québec government has yet to address the issue of how it will compensate for the shortfall in student fees.

Despite the difficult economic situation, Concordia University hopes that the Québec government will maintain this commitment to assuring that its institutions of higher learning play their role in stimulating economic growth and job creation and maintaining our competitive position both in terms of the rest of Canada and the international markets. This can only be done through adequate funding of its universities.

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